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Forecast

High 45F  
Low 26F



Missoula  
suicide  
investigated

Mike Gerrity  
MONTANA KAIMIN

A man fatally shot himself Wednesday morning after he was pulled over by an off-duty city police officer near the corner of Spurgin Road and Margaret Street.

The officer, who was on his way to a training session, recognized the vehicle the man was driving as a white Isuzu Rodeo, the same that had been reported earlier that morning as being involved in a hit-and-run accident, according to Missoula County Sheriff Mike McMeekin.

After the officer explained that he was a city police officer and returned to his squad car to run a background check on the man, the man drew a gun from within the vehicle and pointed it at his own head.

McMeekin said that officers on the scene were attempting to reason with the man before he pulled the trigger.

“They were trying to negotiate with him by phone,” McMeekin said.

According to McMeekin, the man was not a Missoula resident, and would not be identified until Missoula County Police can notify his family.

The incident is being treated as an in-custody death by Missoula City Police. Therefore, the investigation is being handled by the Missoula County Police.

McMeekin said it is a standard procedure that when a death occurs under one agency’s response, another agency conducts an independent investigation in the matter.

“If this had happened with us we would have had another agency head up the investigation,” McMeekin said.

Missoula County Undersheriff Jerry Crego is heading the investigation.

Crego could not be reached for comment.

Students advocate concealed weapons

Alexander Tenenbaum  
FOR THE KAIMIN

With the Valentine’s Day shooting at Northern Illinois University, college students are seeking the right to carry concealed handguns on campuses across America.

The Facebook group ‘Students for Concealed Carry on Campus’ grew by more than 1,000 members in the 24 hours before this article went to print.

Steve Dogiakos, a University of Montana freshman business major from Illinois, is a member of the group.

“Quite frankly, I am living in

fear,” Dogiakos said Wednesday. “I don’t know if someone is going

to burst into Urey Lecture Hall or Cole Hall in Illinois and start shooting. I know people who were in that classroom, who had friends killed in that classroom.”

Dogiakos, 23, said police can’t do much to stop shootings like those at Virginia Tech and NIU, and it’s time for students to take some

responsibility.

NIU Police Chief Donald Grady

said on CNN that police arrived within 30 seconds of the report of the shooting.

“By that time, it was just a clean-up job,” Dogiakos said.

Jim Lemcke, director of UM Public Safety, agreed.

“Remember that in most cases, the damage is already done by the time police get the call, so folks

“Is a bunch of kids carrying guns to class the right way to do it? I don’t know.”

– Jim Lemcke,  
Director of UM  
Public Safety

Sweat-free stylin’



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

ASUM President Dustin Leftridge runs offstage after getting a scripted stripping by two students from backstage during the “Sweat Free Fashion Show” at the UC, Wednesday afternoon. The fashion show, hosted by the Student for Economic and Social Justice, featured models wearing mostly local clothing to encourage UM to adopt designated suppliers clothing in part of the Sweatshop Free Campaign.

Student regent deadline approaches

Amy Faxon  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Time is running out to apply for the student regent position on the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education.

The term of the current student regent, Kerra Melvin, is up on June 30. She has been representing Montana students since July 1,

2007.

The Board of Regents governs all the publicly funded colleges of the Montana University System. They have full power and responsibility to supervise, manage and control MUS. The board consists of six members and one student member, appointed by Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

The student regent must be a registered full-time student at one of the colleges under MUS. They would serve a one-year term with the option to reapply up to three times. The Regents meet every

other month at different colleges across the state to vote on proposals and discuss issues.

According to the MUS code of expectations, “The student regent has a first and foremost responsibility to represent students in the Montana University System.”

ASUM Vice President Tara Ness said it is important to have a student representative who can effectively communicate the students’ views and opinions.

“We want good representation,” Ness said.

According to Ness, the ideal student regent should demonstrate leadership, dedication, fairness, passion and integrity. They need to stand up for issues students believe in, even when it is difficult to do so, Ness said.

Applications are available in the ASUM Office, Room 105 in the University Center. They are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 in the ASUM Office. The application deadline was extended by two weeks because few people applied due to inadequate advertisement for the position.

All applicants will be interviewed during the Monday, March 3 ASUM senate meeting at 6 p.m. The senate will vote to send one to three applicants to the next interview, which will be in front of the Montana Associated Students in Dillon on Wednesday, March 5. MAS will select three finalists who will be interviewed by Gov. Schweitzer. The new student regent is appointed by Gov. Schweitzer and confirmed by the senate.

According to ASUM President

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## EDITORIAL

## Primaries overshadow international issues

Broadcast news stations this President's Day showed just what the holiday's name demanded – the continual soap opera of the presidential election.

But while bickering between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and continual updates on Mike Huckabee's visit to the Cayman Islands dominated newscasts, the small Balkans region of Kosovo gained its independence.

Obsessively focusing on the election allows Americans to ignore an unpopular and often brutal reality: We are a country at war.

The presidential election has overshadowed all other news for months. It is the next great drama complete with verbal attacks, shifting alliances, popularity rankings and celebrities whose every repetitive speech is eagerly followed and analyzed.

By consuming our news coverage with candidate rallies and state primaries that are bet on like sports games, Americans can conveniently forget about Iraq, the already neglected war in Afghanistan and peacekeeping missions in places like Kosovo.

Producers may have believed covering the sovereignty of Kosovo would not interest the American public. Given that supporting Kosovo may further escalate the United States' tensions with Russia and China, that Serbians have already began attacking and burning border posts, and that the region is an area where America previously, currently and most likely in the future will send troops and money – people should take interest.

We are tired of hearing about insurgencies, troop surges, terrorist networks and body bags. Americans are weary of watching coverage of another suicide bombing or another roadside explosion. They want to move on to new leadership and to news stories that have clear and positive endings.

But closing our eyes to the images of Fallujah or Kandahar, the Afghan city where 80 people were killed and 90 wounded from a suicide bomb on Sunday, doesn't make war disappear or the violence end.

Americans, Iraqis and Afghans, along with soldiers and civilians from numerous other nations, are being killed and wounded each day, as well as high financial and material costs, America's conflicts deserve and should demand our attention.

Not enough critical questioning and focus on our administration's decision to invade Baghdad allowed the United States to enter into war with Iraq with comparatively little protest or condemnation by the American people.

If we are not careful, foreign relations with countries such as Iran, Pakistan or even Kosovo and the Balkans could escalate to dangerous levels before we have any real grasp of how or why.

Knowing what morals presidential candidates stand for and what they represent and support is highly important. Americans should watch key debates, read newspaper articles, scan websites and decide who they believe can best lead our country come November.

In following the great race to the White House, though, we cannot allow current international affairs and wars to be forgotten and lost in the dust kicked up by the presidential coverage.

Focusing on the future is needed, but not when it comes at the price of ignoring the present.



Emma Schmautz  
News Editor

### Owner of lost cell phone thanks finder

On Feb. 14, I lost my cell phone while on campus to give a lecture at a colleague's class. By the time I walked home, I had a message on my home phone from a student who had found my phone, and was leaving it at the Mansfield Lost & Found for me to pick up.

I have no way to contact the kind person who cared enough to return my phone instead of keeping

### Liberals too passive when it comes to terrorism

On Feb. 1, in Baghdad, Iraq, two mentally handicapped women were strapped with explosives and sent to different areas of the city. When these women were deemed to be in areas that would generate the most carnage and death, "men" pushed a button, and these handicapped women, who didn't know or understand what they were being forced to undertake, were incinerated, along with over 80 innocent Iraqi civilians.

The Muslim terrorists didn't bother to kill the "evil" (to quote Liberals) American Imperialistic Military invaders. As a matter of fact, 95 percent of all deaths in Iraq in the last five years have been Muslims slaughtering other Muslims, just as they've been doing to each other since the inception of Islam (facts are scary, aren't they, Liberals?). Do some objective (gasp!) research into Islam, and tell me a time when they've lived in peace with one another. Look at how many Sunnis continue to be slaughtered by Shiites every day and vice-versa. Then come back and tell me the last time, here in "evil, imperialistic and racist" America, you saw a Lutheran strap a bomb on an 8-year-old child and send him into a Catholic church.

## Letters to the Editor

or selling it, so I'm sending this letter to The Kaimin to thank both her and the University community for future acts of random kindness. They are no more than we have come to expect from Missoula and the University. We're University

Since this latest example of the true nature of Islam happened last week, I have been asking as many Missoula Liberals as I can the following three questions:

1. If the intention of Islamic terrorism is simply to remove the presence of the "invaders," why would they continue to target fellow innocent Iraqi Muslims (Did you see the Viet Cong at war with each other? Did you see them killing each other? No, they were united in killing American soldiers and getting them out of their country);

2. This latest attack involved the subjugation of mentally retarded women to carry out the barbarity of Islamic fascists who desire only power and the oil wealth that accompanies it. When do you suppose, Missoula Liberal, that N.O.W. (National Organization for Women) is going to say just one word against not only this atrocity committed against women, but the horribly oppressive way women are treated in the Islamic world in general?;

3. I'm sure you, as Liberals, haven't heard one word, or paid any attention to, the so-called 'Girl from Qatif', Saudi Arabia. She was the 19-year-old Muslim woman who was gang raped by a group of Muslimmen a few months ago. For her "crime," the "progressive" Muslims sentenced her to six months in prison with 200 lashes

area homeowners by choice and moved back home to Montana 11 years ago in hopes of finding just this kind of community, which cares for all its members, even strangers. We've found the University, its students, even the wall-to-wall parking in front of our house on Griz game days, to be exciting and rewarding.

My deepest thanks,

– Jana Staton  
Missoula resident

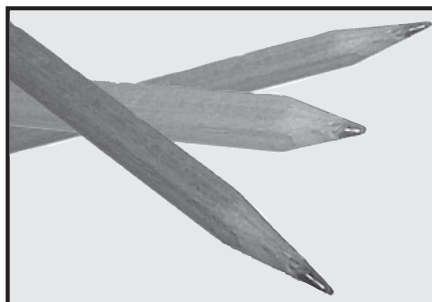
with a bullwhip, because she was in a car with "men who were not relatives." And Liberal women here in America call you an "oppressive chauvinist" when you simply offer to hold a door open for them.

My third question to Liberals is this: What are you doing here to alleviate the suffering and oppression of these women? I haven't heard anything at all from Barack "Champion of Equality" Obama or Empress "I fight for women's rights everywhere!" Clinton about this human rights travesty.

I won't even get started on liberal hypocrisy with race relations. Black Africans have been killing black Africans to the tune of over 20 million dead in less than 20 years. Where's Obama or Alphonse Sharpton on this matter? I guess that must all be the fault of George Bush also?

So, how about it, Liberal automaton? Would you please do me a favor and answer these questions for me? I'm asking because I truly want to know. Or are you going to spend the rest of your indoctrinated lives ignoring important questions like these by simply answering, like the rest of the sheep do... "It's all Bush's fault!"

– Daniel Shevlin  
Missoula resident



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Letters should be 300 words or fewer, and columns should be about 700 words. Please e-mail both to [kaiminletters@umontana.edu](mailto:kaiminletters@umontana.edu), or drop them off in Don Anderson Hall 208. Make sure to include a phone number.

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A caption on the Kaimin's Web site misspelled Kyle O'Neill's name.

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He said he would shoot a killer to stop a massacre.

“I would rather have that blood on my hands and that guilt than see my friends and my peers get killed,” Dogiakos said.

But Montana law prohibits all weapons from school buildings and university campuses, whether in plain sight or concealed.

Lawful gun owners in Montana don’t need a permit to carry guns in plain sight. But it is illegal to carry a hidden handgun without a concealed weapon permit. People caught carrying hidden weapons can face a \$500 fine and six months in jail.

Since 1991, Montana state law has granted concealed weapon permits to applicants who have proof of gun training and clean criminal and mental health histories.

But even with a permit, people cannot carry a concealed weapon into banks, government buildings or bars.

Betsy Mulligan-Dague, director for the Jeanette Rankin Peace Center, said paranoia is motivating people to take up arms.

“If you carry a weapon, you are living in fear of something. It’s not good energy to live under,” she said.

She suggested other solutions to dealing with suicidal school shooters, like developing community and family support systems and improving mental healthcare.

“Violence is never an answer for violence. It just makes for more violence down the road,” Mulligan-Dague said.

Dogiakos said that most of the time, this is true.

“I would agree nine times out of 10 that violence begets violence, but the issue is that the massacre needs to be stopped, and now there is no way to stop it or prevent it or see it coming,” he said. “This isn’t a matter of retaliation or revenge. It’s a matter of saving lives.”

Newsweek reported earlier this month that Colorado State University has allowed concealed weapons on its campus for 10 semesters without incident, and

since 2006 nine state universities in Utah have done the same.

Ben Dummer, a freshman in psychology at NIU, was in Cole Hall an hour before the shooting happened. He said he wishes his school had allowed licensed students to carry concealed handguns.

“When laws are made that ban students from carrying, you’re taking guns away from the only people that could help,” he said. “Obviously law enforcement doesn’t arrive in time with incidents like this.”

Dummer said concealed weapons wouldn’t distract from the learning environment because they would be hidden from view, and, in a situation like the one at his school, there would be the element of surprise.

“There were maybe 200 people in that lecture hall. If one of them had a gun, he’d just take it out and (the shooter) would never

know what hit him,” he said. “I think 22 people were wounded. That could have been 3. Someone would have at least been able to do something.”

Carrying a weapon is an emotional response, Mulligan-Dague said, adding that this issue should be handled logically and rationally.

Dogiakos said rationality is irrelevant when you’re staring down the barrel of a gun.

“When faced with a massacring shooter, there’s no way to rationalize with this person,” he said. “The point of concealed carry is ending it as quickly as possible, with as little carnage as possible.”

UM President George Dennison said he doesn’t oppose the right to carry firearms elsewhere, but the university is different.

“It’s designed for interaction and discussion,” he said. “It’s sort of a protected environment, and it’s meant to be that way.”

Dogiakos said he would wholeheartedly agree if the university could guarantee protection.

“But as it stands, universities and university police can’t protect us in these situations,” he said.

Dennison said even if students were allowed to carry concealed handguns on campus, they wouldn’t be helpful in a school shooting.

“Anyone who fires a weapon in a crowded room is more likely to do more damage than good,” he said.

Dogiakos said that couldn’t be true.

“With 21 injured and six people dead, how could you do more damage? Accidental casualties would never amount to that,” he said.

Ryon Reich, a UM literature major from Illinois, said that all the arguments from concealed weapon supporters “just perpetuate the gun mentality.”

“It jeopardizes my comfort level and that of others,” he said. “With guns, it’s just more killing. You shoot him, he shoots you, and it just escalates. Police are there to protect you. We should live in a society that we feel safe enough to not have to carry a gun.”

Theo Johnson, a senior in resource conservation, agreed.

“You shouldn’t feel like you need a gun just to walk across campus,” he said. “I think our country is gun hungry, you know?”

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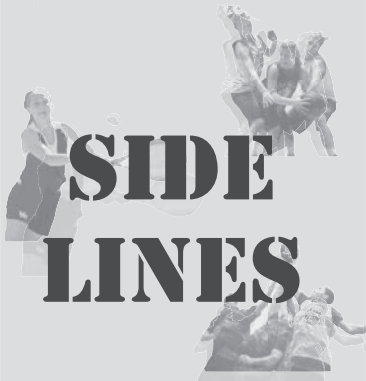
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Saturday, Feb. 23, Lady Griz vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m.

### GRIZZLY SPORTS

#### BRIEFS

NFL Combine – Two Griz football players are in Indianapolis this week to compete in the 2008 NFL Combine for a shot at playing professionally. Defensive end Kroy Biermann and running back Lex Hilliard both received invitations to try out. The two teammates shared the University of Montana MVP award this season.

The Combine, an annual event that offers players the chance to show off their skills, began Wednesday and runs for the next five days. In addition to position-specific drills and time trials, players also go through a series of tests and interviews.

Biermann, the Buck Buchanan Award winner, is projected as the 26th outside linebacker out of 236 total on nfldraftscout.com. In his career with the Griz, the Hardin native had 45 stops for losses and 32 sacks, the second most in school history.

Hilliard finished his career with 3,241 rushing yards, just the second player in school history to surpass the 3,000-yard mark. An analysis on nfl.com said the Kalispell native “shows good athletic agility, change-of-direction skills and body control running the ball through the pile.”

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Portland State	10-2	17-8
Northern Arizona	8-5	16-10
Montana State	7-5	15-10
Weber State	7-5	12-12
<b>Montana</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>12-13</b>
Idaho State	6-6	9-16
Eastern Washington	6-8	11-17
Northern Colorado	4-8	11-14
Sacramento State	2-11	4-20

#### WOMEN’S BBALL

School	Big Sky	All
<b>Montana</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>19-5</b>
Idaho State	8-3	16-7
Portland State	8-4	18-7
Montana State	7-4	12-11
Northern Colorado	5-5	11-12
Weber State	5-6	11-12
Northern Arizona	4-8	8-17
Sacramento State	4-8	6-18
Eastern Washington	1-11	4-21

### TODAY IN SPORTS

#### HISTORY

In 1992, U.S. figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi won the Olympic gold medal.

## Pushing for a win



Ken Billington/Montana Kaimin

Freshman forward Sarah Ena drives toward the hoop, running into junior forward Britney Lohman during practice Wednesday morning in the Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz match up against Weber State tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dahlberg Arena.

## Next 3 games big for Lady Griz

Ben Prez

MONTANA KAIMIN

They’re all waiting. Idaho State, Portland State and Montana State. They’re waiting for a slip up from the Big Sky Conference-leading Lady Griz.

Weber State will hit the hardwood tonight in Dahlberg Arena at 7 p.m., looking to play spoiler against a Montana squad that has the chance to host the Big Sky Tournament if it can finish first in the regular season standings.

Montana (19-5, 9-2 BSC) will

try and hold off its three major challengers – all are within striking distance with just five games remaining in the regular season.

“These next games are all big games for us, and we’re in the title hunt,” coach Robin Selvig said.

The Lady Griz are coming off a road trip where they took two of three games, but lost to Montana State. Tonight, Montana begins a two-game home stretch against the Wildcats, followed by Idaho State on Saturday.

“Weber State is good, and at the end of the season, every game

is huge,” junior guard Mandy Morales said. Morales came off an uncharacteristic eight-point performance against Northern Arizona, but scoring isn’t everything for Morales, the team leader in points.

“I’m not really worried about that stuff,” Morales said. “I’m worried about getting the ‘W’ at the end of the game, and if the team is fine without me scoring, that’s OK.”

The Lady Griz responded well with five players in double-figure scoring. It’s been a trend

this season with Morales, Sonya Rogers and Johanna Closson all averaging double figures.

Weber State features a much different attack. Forward Sara Tuomi leads the squad with an average of 17.1 points per game, which is nearly eight points ahead of the next highest scorer. She also leads the team with 7.8 rebounds per game.

“We need to be very aware of her,” Selvig said of Tuomi. “She’s complete, can score off the dribble, is a strong free throw shooter and

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## Not even a Grizzly can escape flu season

Bill Oram

MONTANA KAIMIN

With the conclusion of the regular season looming, there’s something contagious around the University of Montana men’s basketball program, and it’s not just a sense of urgency.

It’s influenza.

Junior Jordan Hasquet sat out practices all last week with influenza A, he said, and saw limited time in the week’s two games. Senior Andrew Strait missed Tuesday’s practice due to symptoms that coach Wayne Tinkle characterized as “very similar” to Hasquet’s. Tinkle and members of his staff have also been hit by some kind of bug.

In addition to illnesses, several Griz players are dealing with nagging injuries and freshman starting center Brian Qvale has missed two weeks with an injured left ankle.

“We’re scratching our heads here, because we do a game plan and we show up for practice and

find out there’s a couple more guys down,” Tinkle said. “It’s that time of year. It just seems like we’ve been bitten maybe a little bit more than some other teams. But

“If we show some toughness, we’ll get through it.”

With four games remaining and the conference playoffs less than two weeks away, the Griz (12-13, 6-6 Big Sky Conference) currently sit in a tie for fifth place in the conference with Idaho State.

The Griz kick off the remainder of their schedule tonight in Ogden, Utah against Weber State (12-12, 7-5 BSC) and Sunday at Idaho State (9-16, 6-6 BSC) in Pocatello.

The last time the Griz saw the Wildcats and the Bengals was a month ago when they dropped consecutive home games to the teams. Idaho State escaped by just two points on Jan. 17, and Weber State by one three nights later.

“When you lose two at home in a row like that, it was tough,” Hasquet said. “Bouncing back on the road here, if we go down on the road here and get these two back, it would be huge.”

Guard Dezmon Harris, who posts 11.8 points per game, leads Weber State. The Wildcats’ Arturas Valeika leads the Big Sky in rebounding, 9.8 per contest, and had nine against the Griz in Missoula.

“Weber State’s tough,” Tinkle said. “They’re going to try to fight you and take you out of your offense. They attack the boards. Their guards are very good off the dribble.”

The Grizzlies’ first game against Weber State was the first in which they employed a larger lineup where Qvale – now Sharp – was inserted into the lineup. Hasquet said he thinks that lineup

change will be a boon for Montana against Idaho State.

In January the Bengals out-rebounded the Griz 32-23 and a key component of that was rebounding by Idaho State’s guards.

“They have some big guards and we’ve kind of switched the lineup since then,” Hasquet said. “I think we’ll match up a little better. First time around I think guard rebounding kind of got us in trouble.”

Matt Stucki, a 6-foot-6 guard, averages 11.4 points to lead Idaho State.

The Griz are hesitant to get ahead of themselves when looking forward, but they know what’s at stake as the regular season winds to a close.

“It’s huge as far as seeding goes,” sophomore guard Ryan Staudacher said. “It’s tough to look ahead at all four games at once, you try to take it one game at a time. Each game’s going to be real influential to where everybody’s going to be lined up for postseason.”

The Griz could use some  
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# Redefining the University's basketball culture

**Roman Stubbs**  
MONTANA KAIMIN

After Montana's 80-76 loss to Northern Arizona last Saturday, a somber crowd exited Dahlberg Arena, and you couldn't help but notice the droves of white-clad student fans filing out. Some seemed normal. Others had smiles. One fan had his head bowed, handled like a true loyalist. On the back of his T-shirt, a message was concise and clear.

"Just Show Up!"

Much has been made of the lackluster student section numbers all season. Despite a hot start and a mid-season revival after losing nine of 11, the men haven't been able to score the numbers in the student section. Even though 1,100 showed up for Cat-Griz two weekends ago, the atmosphere was anything but volcanic.

Promotional T-shirts given out during a crucial two-game home stand last weekend are not only a statement of disappointment expressed by the athletic department. The three words on the back are an emblem of desperation.

When deciphered, it's deeper than three words. The University is getting a first hand account of how sacred a college basketball culture is.

Does it all mean UM turns into the doormat of the Big Sky? Never.

Does it mean the student body will lose all touch with the

program, so much so that when they see "Bring Back The Zoo" T-shirts on campus, they'll wonder where the cafeteria went?

Hardly.

But I do believe the message has been sent loud and clear: In order to take the coveted next step as a "Mid Major," that 700-students-a-night step, there needs to be a cultivation of basketball culture at UM.

Even though nobody wants to hear it, college athletics is a business. And yet, at UM, the pieces are in place. There is a constellation of star basketball players here. And we've all seen on Saturdays how dynamic our student body can be. Now there must be a bridge built between the two, fortified by more than a box of Fruit of the Looms. There must be a path to connect our teams (who contend for the Field of 65 every year) and an energetic student section, right?

It's not like Gonzaga is going to hand over their playbook for starting a basketball renaissance. It doesn't exist. All the right things have to come together, which makes the process cutthroat.

Some would say start marketing more. I understand there are financial constraints, so you're not allowed to walk in



## THE BOX SCORE

you have a player mentioned in the same breath with Candace Parker, they deserve to be more visible to students on campus.

Many will say that would be a hard sell because Montana is a football world all in its own, and Missoula is at the epicenter. How do you tell fans that Griz basketball embodies the same components the football program does?

Realistically, all the Wayne Tinkle Bobble Head Nights in the world couldn't hold a candle to people's tunnel attraction to Griz football.

I mean, you're going against 12-play scoring drives by John Edwards, and that feeling of tailgating at the Riverbowl. You're going against 1995 lore, and Dennis Washington's checkbook. You're going against the life-size Tonka dump trucks blocking Campus Drive as we speak.

Basketball has had great success as well, though, and the fact the school wants to bring back a slice of those 1980's teams is a testament to that. In 2005, not only did Montana upset Nevada in the NCAA tournament, their

a Duke-like wonderland. But why not Midnight Madness to kick off the season in November? I for one felt not enough was made about Mandy Morales being a preseason Wooden Award candidate this year. Any time

home upset over Stanford also gave the school a taste of what basketball culture really could be here. The sky is the limit in college basketball. Robin Selvig will tell you that.

This culture UM aspires to must come internally. Does it really all start with winning?

"Probably. I say probably. but not definitely. It's easier to feed off the momentum once you start winning," says Southern Illinois athletic director Mario Moccia. SIU is no stranger to where UM's program is stuck. They were there 10 years ago. After building on annual success, they now have been to six consecutive NCAA Tournaments, including advancing to last year's Sweet 16. They have as many as 1,900 students at home games. Internally, seven years later, they have redefined their place as a "Mid Major."

"It's amazing, especially if you look at our facilities," said Moccia, who added that the students feel they make an enormous impact at the home games.

There can be that success here, and the window is open again this year. UM doesn't need to go dancing six years in a row. All the pieces need to first fall together.

Like in 2005. And as history has shown us, while hard, UM does need to capitalize on opportunities to make noise, then crescendo with consistency. It needs to find its basketball identity with the student body.

Because Griz basketball matters. Just ask the kid hanging his head. He did exactly what the shirt asked him to. He showed up.

It's just too bad that hasn't been enough.

## LADY GRIZ

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defends well."

Weber State coach Carla Taylor echoes Selvig.

"She's that solid big guard who does it all," Taylor said. "She can create shot opportunities anytime and she's also a great leader for us."

The Wildcats are coming off a hot streak that includes an upset win over Portland State.

Against the Lady Griz, they will try and win in Dahlberg Arena, something no other team has been able to do this season.

"We're coming off a win streak and really coming together in the second half of the season, but Montana is always tough at home, so we're really going to have to be aggressive out there," Taylor said.

After tonight's game, Idaho State will be coming to town on Saturday, which is also senior night for the Lady Griz. The team will need a strong effort from everyone if they hope to win because Idaho State beat Montana earlier this season.

"The next two games are very important, and there is definitely a buzz building," freshman forward Jessa Linford said. "There's always pressure, but we've been using it to push ourselves and to take us further."

Tonight is Think Pink night. People are encouraged to wear pink to the game in an effort to raise breast cancer awareness.

## GRIZ

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wins, too. They are coming off Saturday's heartbreaking 80-76 loss to Northern Arizona in Missoula. However, Hasquet remained optimistic.

"We didn't play great at all, we shot free throws bad, we got out-rebounded, I think, and gave up 60 percent from the field and then we only lose by four or five," Hasquet said. "We try to take some positives out of it and accept where we're at, at 6-and-6."

Tonight at Weber State, the Griz will likely be without Qvale for the fourth straight game. Tinkle said before Tuesday's practice that whether new addition Dan Beaudin would travel on the road trip would be dependent on Qvale's health. Beaudin, a tight end for the football team, was brought in to fill the gap Qvale's injury created. On Wednesday afternoon, associate athletic director Dave Guffey said both Qvale and Beaudin made the trip to Ogden.

The Griz and Wildcats tip off at 7:05 p.m., while Sunday's Idaho State game has a 2:05 p.m. start on the Altitude Sports television network.

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# Kaimin manager balks at ASUM

Amy Faxon  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The ASUM Senate passed a resolution Wednesday night to form a committee that would negotiate advertising costs for ASUM in the Montana Kaimin.

Under the resolution, the committee would consist of two ASUM senators, ASUM business manager Erica Henderson, one student-at-large, and the Kaimin business manager John Cribb. The Kaimin business office is managed separately from the Kaimin newsroom.

Cribb said he will not attend the committee meetings and doesn't understand why he needs to sit through a meeting to figure out ASUM budget. Cribb said he would be happy to negotiate with ASUM after their budget is calculated.

The resolution discusses the budget constraints that ASUM faces and how they cannot afford the current Kaimin advertising prices in the 2009 fiscal year.

According to the resolution, the newly formed committee will "discuss and negotiate a possible ASUM-Kaimin advertising contract by April 4," effective for the 2009 fiscal year.

Many senators felt that the resolution was not constructed well enough to vote on Wednesday night and that it should be brought back to committee, but other senators felt the resolution needed to be passed to meet budgeting timelines.

Henderson said she respects the fact that Cribb doesn't want to be part of figuring out ASUM's budgeting situation.

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# Project LETTERS grants money to student teachers

Lauren Russell  
MONTANA KAIMIN

For students in the University of Montana's School of Education, a new program will give them an opportunity to hone their teaching skills while making a difference by student teaching on Montana's seven American Indian reservations.

Project LETTERS – Literacy Education and Teacher Training for Excellent Reservation Schools – was initiated by School of Education professors Marian McKenna and Jan LaBonty to develop improved ties between UM and Montana's reservations through teaching. The program, which began last fall, is being funded for three years by a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"This is an opportunity for teachers to broaden their teaching experience and to stretch their boundaries," LaBonty said.

The grant is being used to fund scholarships for students who want to complete undergraduate or associate teaching degrees at UM and will complete the one required semester of student teaching on a reservation. Students can be supported for up to two years with a maximum scholarship of \$5,500.

In addition to the scholarship, each recipient receives a

subscription with the International Reading Association, which in turn gives the recipient's student teaching school an allowance to build up its library.

The grant, coauthored by McKenna and LaBonty, was approved by the U.S. Department of Education in May 2005 and actually funded in August 2007. It is classified as a "teacher quality enhancement" grant, which, according to the Department of Education's website, is to support "efforts to reduce shortages of qualified teachers in high-need school districts."

LaBonty said that because American Indian students have the highest dropout rate of any group in the U.S., these grants would help to engage students and provide them with resources for academic success in Montana.

McKenna said that this is the first time Montana has ever received the grant.

The program is also part of a statewide effort to better incorporate the Montana Indian Education for All Act, which includes seven "essential understandings" about American Indian culture and history, into elementary and secondary school curriculums.

McKenna said that the program is open to anyone in the education program but especially aims



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Sandra Williams, Jan LaBonty, Marian McKenna and Richard Gross created a program that was just awarded \$3 million for three years to give scholarships to education students to complete degrees and student teach on reservations.

to encourage students from the reservations to obtain or finish their certification at UM and then return to teach on the reservations.

"Our goal is to bring tribal people from their community so we have a real conduit loop from reservations to the university," McKenna said.

McKenna said that they would especially encourage those with ties to reservations besides the Flathead Indian Reservation to apply in order to establish better relationships with all of the tribal communities.

"We are trying to get students from the farther reaches of the state to come and feel comfortable

here," McKenna said.

The first five scholarship recipients are currently teaching on the Flathead and Fort Peck reservations. One of the five is a secondary education teacher.

McKenna said that Project LETTERS will try to renew the grant in three years and will also look for other funding agencies to continue and strengthen the program.

"Our goal is to fund as many students as possible," McKenna said.

The application deadline for the fall semester was February 15. For next spring and summer, the deadline is September 15.

"I don't blame him for that," she said. "I think it's respectable that he doesn't want to deal with our budgeting but that he's willing to talk with us after the budgeting is figured out."

ASUM President Dustin Leftridge told Cribb that when ASUM talks to him it will be to present a contract proposal.

At one point, co-author Sen. Sean Morrison proposed an amendment to his resolution to strike all references to the Kaimin from the wording.

Leftridge disagreed with Morrison's amendment.

"We should fail Morrison's changes and pass the resolution as it is," he said.

Leftridge said he voted to pass this resolution because it needs to be put in writing that ASUM wants to work with the Kaimin for the benefit of the student groups.

ASUM just wants to find alternatives for advertising, Morrison said.

"I'm not here to fight the Kaimin," Morrison said.

The senate also passed a resolution encouraging professors that require textbooks written by them in their classes to give their royalties back to the University of Montana Excellence Fund instead of keeping or donating their royalties to charity.

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REGENT

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Dustin Leftridge, the new student regent will probably be contacted in time for the Board of Regents meeting in May. The student regent’s term officially starts on July 1, 2008.

During the 2006-2007 school

year, the student regent, Heather O’Loughlin, was from UM. Ness recalled former ASUM President Andrea Helling’s feelings that it was an advantage to have the student regent from the UM campus.

“It’s easier to stay updated on issues coming before the regents when the student regent is from UM,” Ness said.

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